

CAPSULE SUMMARY**BA-3023****John A. Barker House****505 Sudbrook Road****Pikesville, Baltimore County****1889****Private**

This dwelling at 505 Sudbrook Road is located in Sudbrook Park in Pikesville in the Third District of Baltimore County. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1973, Sudbrook Park Historic District is significant as a small community designed and planned by Frederick Law Olmstead. It was planned as a summer resort for wealthy Baltimore residents at the turn of the 20th century. Known for his emphasis on nature, Olmstead designed Sudbrook Park with importance on curvilinear streets, large lots, and an abundance of mature trees and vegetation. The houses in Sudbrook Park were designed with several deed restrictions. The structure was required to be sited forty feet back from the street and ten feet from neighboring property lines. The height of each property was to be three stories and the styles allowed were rural and not urban. John A. Barker purchased Cottage 6 in 1895. This was the second of the nine original cottages that were sold to year-round residents.

Standing two-and-a-half stories in height and two bays wide this house is wood frame clad with vinyl siding. This house rests on a solid random-rubble stone foundation and is capped with a cross-gable roof covered with asphalt shingles. The entry holds a single-leaf wood door which is flanked by a 12-light casement window. The first story features cut-away corners and is pierced by a 15/1 window and a Queen-Anne-style 11/2 window. The façade is also pierced by a 15-light casement window, and a multi-light half-round casement window in the gable peak. A one-story wrap-around porch is supported with wood turned posts and turned balusters. Other features of the house include sloping corners, scroll-sawn exposed roof rafters, corner eave brackets, and a molded wood cornice. Above the roof rise three interior brick chimneys (center, side, and end) each with corbeled caps.

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Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. BA-3023

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic John A. Barker House

other

2. Location

street and number 505 Sudbrook Road not for publication

city, town Pikesville vicinity

county Baltimore County

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Eric B. & Barbara E. Thorsen

street and number 505 Sudbrook Road telephone Not Available

city, town Baltimore state MD zip code 21208-4726

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse tax map and parcel: 78, 900

city, town Towson liber 10783 folio 666

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report
☐ Other

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> social
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 0
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown
			<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:
			<input type="checkbox"/> Total
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
			0

7. Description

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Condition

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair | <input type="checkbox"/> altered |
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Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The John A. Barker House, constructed in 1889, is sited on a level grassy lot surrounded by trees and shrubs and fronts close to the street. A paved driveway leads to a garage to the side. Standing two-and-a-half stories in height and two bays wide this house is wood frame clad with vinyl siding. This house rests on a solid random-rubble stone foundation and is capped with a cross-gable roof covered with asphalt shingles. The entry holds a single-leaf wood door which is flanked by a 12-light casement window. The first story features cut-away corners and is pierced by a 15/1 window and a Queen-Anne-style 1 1/2 window. The façade is also pierced by a 15-light casement window, and a multi-light half-round casement window in the gable peak. A one-story wrap-around porch is supported with wood turned posts and turned balusters. Other features of the house include sloping corners, scroll-sawn exposed roof rafters, corner eave brackets, and a molded wood cornice. Above the roof rise three interior brick chimneys (center, side, and end) each with corbeled caps. The garage, circa 1930, is wood frame clad with German wood siding and stands one story high. It holds one roll-up paneled wood door and is capped with a front-gable roof covered with asphalt shingles. It has a side shed-roof addition with one roll-up door.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime industry	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates 1889

Architect/Builder unknown

Construction dates 1889

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

This house at 505 Sudbrook Road is located in Sudbrook Park near the town of Pikesville in the Third District of Baltimore County. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1973, Sudbrook Park Historic District is significant as a small community designed and planned by Frederick Law Olmstead. It was planned as a summer resort for wealthy Baltimore residents at the turn of the 20th century. In 1890, the Sudbrook Company purchased a 204 acre tract just south of Reisterstown Road in Pikesville. During the hiatus of his career, Olmstead was commissioned to design Sudbrook Park. One acre of land was set aside by the company for a depot for the Western Maryland Railway.

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ENDNOTES

1. Sudbrook Park Historic District Nomination, National Register of Historic Places (Washington, DC: NPS, 1973).

2. Melanie D. Anson, Olmsted's Sudbrook The Making of a Community (Baltimore, MD: Sudbrook Park, Inc., 1997). p. 94.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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See continuation sheet.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 0.584 acres

Acreage of historical setting unknown

Quadrangle name Baltimore West

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The John A. Barker House is located at 505 Sudbrook Road is in Sudbrook Park Historic District in Pikesville in Sudbrook Park Historic District in the Third District of Baltimore County. It has historically been associated with tax map 78, parcel 900 since its construction.

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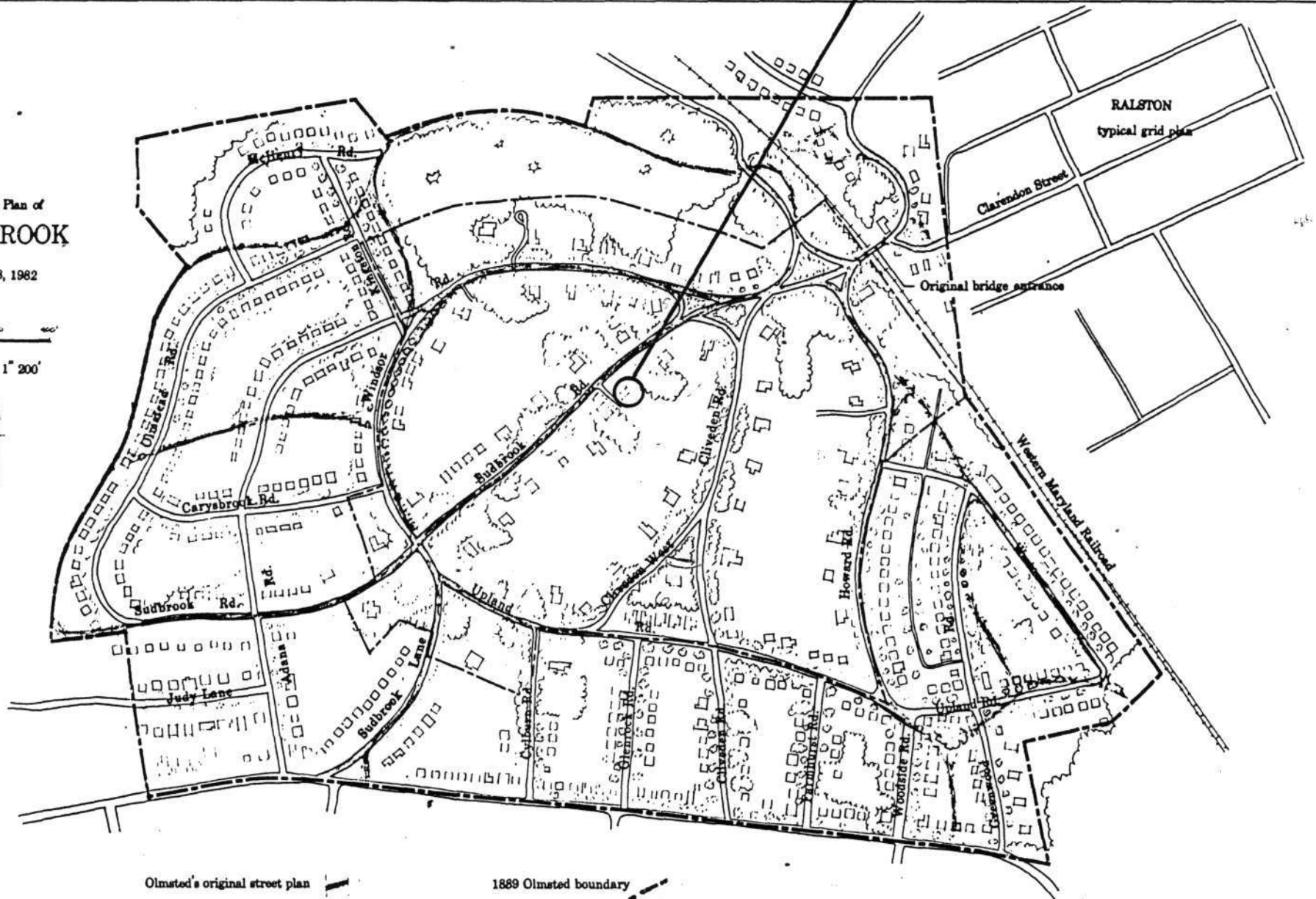
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 505 Sudbrook Road
 Sudbrook Park Historic District
 Pikesville
 Baltimore West, USGS

General Plan of SUDBROOK

July 28, 1982

Scale: 1" = 200'



Olmsted's original street plan

Existing street street plan

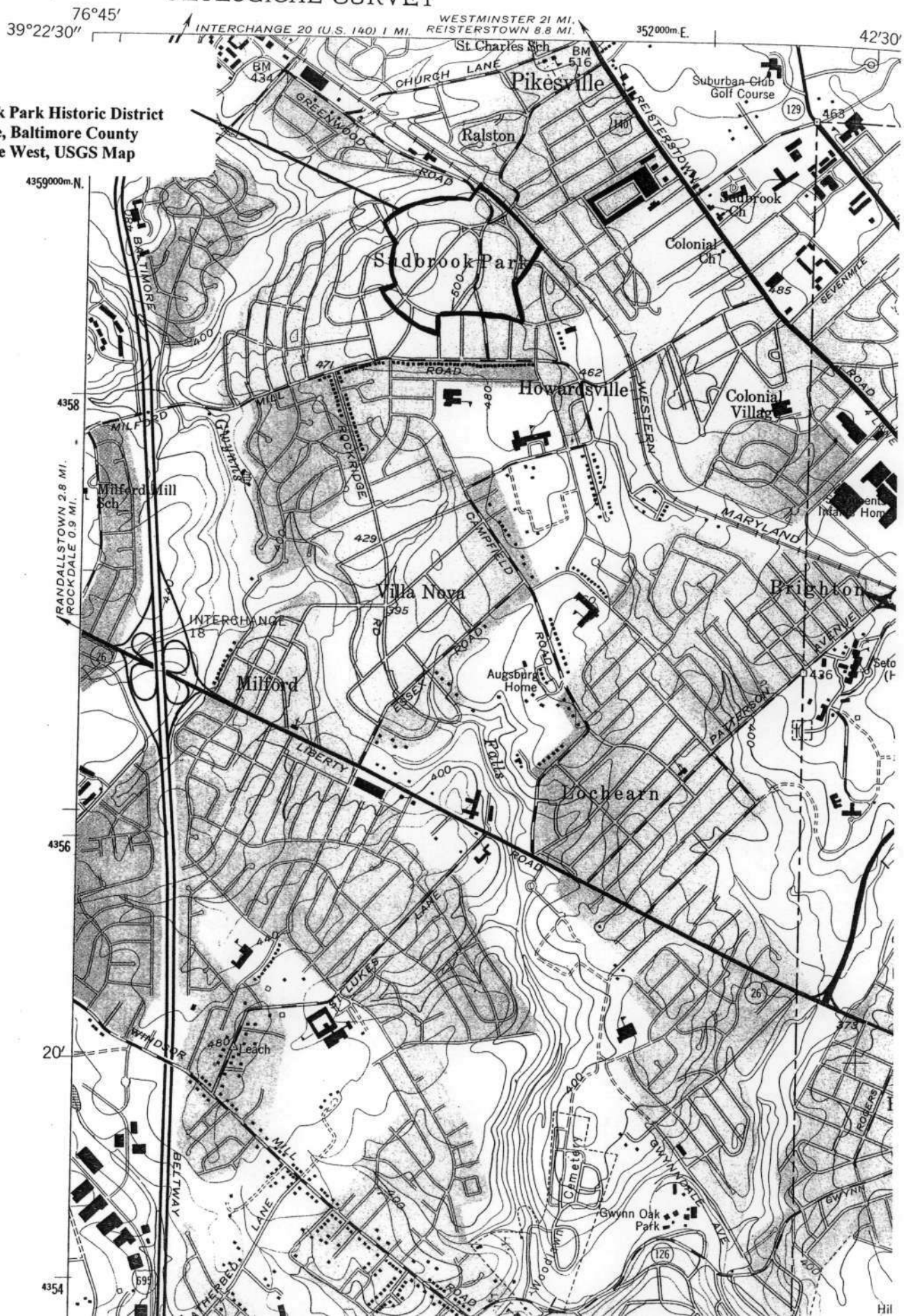
1889 Olmsted boundary

1973 Historic district boundary

5682 IV NE
(REISTERSTOWN)

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Sudbrook Park Historic District
Pikesville, Baltimore County
Baltimore West, USGS Map





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HOUSE, WEST CORNER

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HOUSE, EAST CORNER

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HOUSE, SOUTHEAST ELEVATION

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GARAGE, SOUTHWEST ELEVATION

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